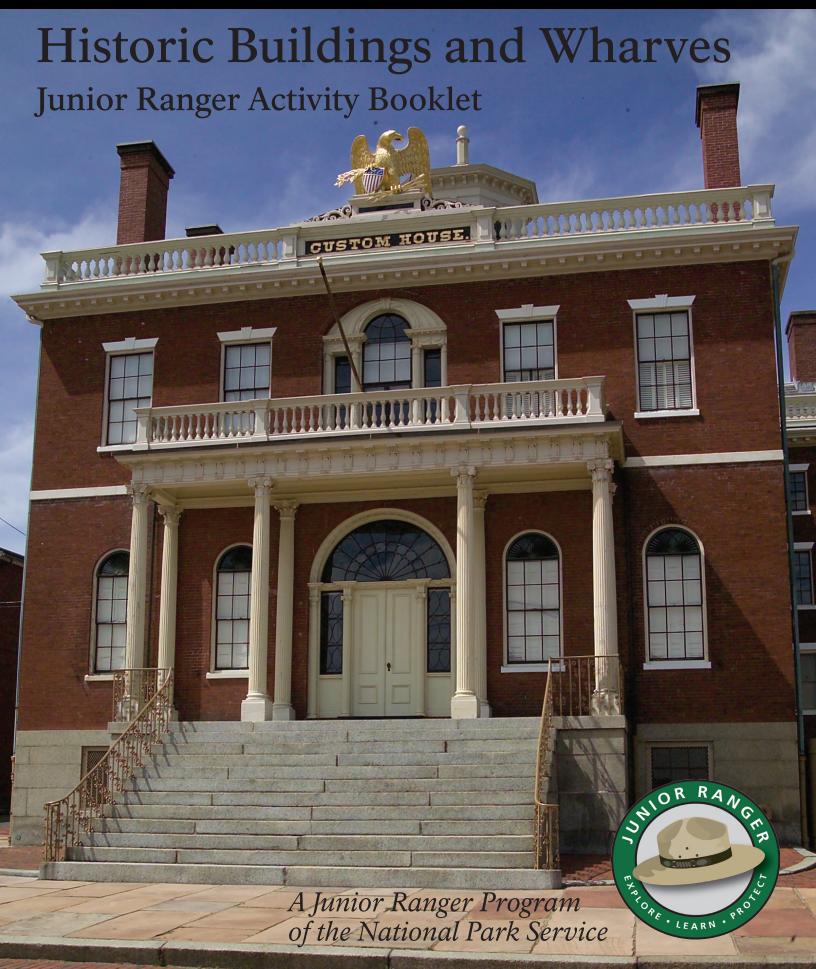
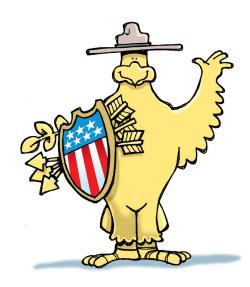
Salem Maritime

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Salem Maritime National Historic Site Salem, Massachusetts







Hi kids! I'm Eglantine, the Custom House Eagle. Since 1821, I have perched on top of the Custom House here in Salem. That's almost 200 years! I've seen lots of changes on Derby Street in that time.

The wharves on Derby Street were still busy when I took up my post. There were lots of buildings on Derby Wharf, and ships coming and going to drop off and pick up cargo.

By the 1930s, the wharves weren't being used much and the warehouses had mostly fallen down. But the citizens of Salem knew that a lot of history

had happened on these wharves and in the buildings across the street, and they wanted to save what was left.

In 1938, they asked the National Park Service to found Salem Maritime National Historic Site in order to preserve the buildings and wharves. Since then, I have watched National Park Rangers take care of this special place, and tell thousands of visitors like you about the maritime history of Salem!



Derby Wharf in 1910. Photo from the Peabody Essex Museum

How to Become A Junior Ranger

Would you like to learn about the maritime history of Salem and become a Junior Ranger with the National Park Service? It's easy!

- 1. Pick out four activities.
- 2. When you have done the activities, take your book back to a ranger at the Visitor Center on New Liberty Street or the Orientation center on Derby Street, and collect your Junior Ranger badge!



Eglantine the Eagle says:

BE SAFE!

- Watch where you are walking.
- Don't run where there are lots of visitors.
- Don't climb on anything.

Remember, I can see you! Your Junior Ranger program should be safe as well as successful.

Portrait of an Eagle



Hi kids! Can I tell you a secret? There are actually TWO Eglantine Eagles at Salem Maritime!

The original Eglantine was carved out of wood by a man named Joseph True. But, after 180 years of standing out in cold, icy winter weather and hot summer suns, I was beginning to get damaged.

So, the National Park Service made a copy of me, and put the copy back up on my perch. The wooden Eglantine is now on display inside the Custom House, while the fiberglass Eglantine still watches over Derby Street and the Custom House.

This is what my perch looked like while my copy was being made. Can you draw me back on my perch?





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As a Junior Ranger, I promise to:

LEARN about my country's National Parks.

Help to PRESERVE AND PROTECT my National Park lands.

EDUCATE others about what I have learned from the National Parks.

Junior Ranger's Name

Date

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